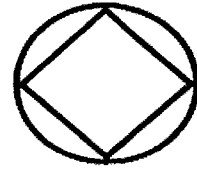




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 "personal recovery depends on NA unity"



The Central Ohio Area of Narcotics Anonymous Newsletter

The Questions and Answers of Drug Replacement Programs

Recently an addict submitted a topic to the newsletter regarding drug replacements such as methadone and suboxone. Our fellowship addressed this in part by a World Service Bulletin in 1996. The entire bulletin can be viewed at [www.NA.Org](http://www.NA.Org) in the "Services to Members" section. This can be a highly passionate subject with multiple views. Here is an excerpt from the bulletin:

"We make a distinction between drugs used by drug replacement programs and other prescribed drugs because such drugs are prescribed specifically as addiction treatment. Our program approaches recovery from addiction through abstinence, cautioning against the substitution of one drug for another. That's our program; it's what we offer the addict who still suffers.

However, we have absolutely no opinion on methadone maintenance or any other program aimed at treating addiction. Our only purpose in addressing drug replacement and its use by our members is to define abstinence for ourselves.

Our fellowship must be mindful of what kind of message we are carrying if a still-using addict leads a meeting, or becomes a trusted servant. We believe that under these circumstances we would not be carrying the Narcotics Anonymous message of recovery. Permissiveness in this area is not consistent with our traditions. We believe our position on this issue reinforces our recovery, protects our meetings, and supports addicts in striving for total abstinence".

Taken From:

WORLD SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
 BULLETIN #29- Regarding Methadone and Other  
 Drug Replacement Programs

Meetings Needing General Support

The Better Late Than Never Group	Mon-Wed-Fri 10:30 pm
Sunday West Jefferson Group	Sun 5 pm
Hardcore Recovery Group	Sun 4 pm
Marysville Sunday NA Group	Sun 3 pm
Hearts I Group	Sun 7 pm
Just After Noon Group	Mon-Fri 12:15 pm
New Attitudes Group	Mon 8pm
Women in Progress Group	Tues&Thurs 12 Noon
Free At Last Group	Fri 7:30pm
Crossroads Group	Tues 7:30 pm
We Do Recover in NA Group	Thur 6:30 pm
Never Alone Never Again	Thur 7:30 pm
Marysville Thursday NA Group	Thur 7:30 pm
NA For All Addicts Group	Fri 5 pm
London NA Group	Wed 7:30 pm
Marysville Friday NA Group	Fri 8 pm
Hilltop Steps & Traditions	Mon 8 pm
We Show Up & Grow Up	Tues 10 am
The Meeting Up North	Fri 8 pm
Look It Up Group	Sat 1 pm

Meetings Needing Support from Experienced Members

NA Meeting Group	Mon & Fri 7:30pm
Sunday Diversity Group	Sun 3:30 pm
Show Up and Grow Up	Sun 7 pm
Dopeless Hope Fiends	Sun & Tues 8 pm
Principles Before Personalities	Mon 8 pm
New Beginnings Group	Tues 8 pm
The Ties That Bind Us Together	Tues 6 pm
U Grow Girl	Wed 6:30 pm
New Start Group	Wed 8 pm
Let's Dump It All	Fri 7 pm
Urbancrest/GC Group	Thurs 7 pm

**Just Afternoon Group  
 Game Night Friday's**

Town Street Meeting Place- 549 W. Town Street  
 10:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Last Friday of Every Month: Game Night with cards, chess, dominos, hot dogs, chips and pop provided. \$3 donation suggested- No Addict Turned Away.

**Please recycle this issue - pass it along to another member after you read it.**

Dear Mr. Spiritual,

I have under a year clean and am ready to be in a relationship. What do you think?

Sincerely,  
Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS,

THANKS FOR THE LETTER. IT'S ALWAYS EASY FOR A PERSON IN A RELATIONSHIP TO TELL ONE WHO IS NOT THAT'S IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA. OUR LITERATURE MAKES NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE SLOGAN WE HEAR AT SOME MEETINGS, "NO MAJOR CHANGES THE FIRST YEAR OF RECOVERY", I'M SURE IT SOUNDED COOL WHEN IT CAME OUT, BUT IS IT PRACTICAL? I WOULD OFFER THIS TO YOU; I WOULD SUGGEST ASKING MYSELF THIS ONE QUESTION:

WHAT IS IT THAT I HAVE TO OFFER RIGHT NOW IN A RELATIONSHIP THAT I HAVEN'T CARRIED IN FROM PAST RELATIONSHIPS?

IT WASN'T UNTIL I DID A 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> STEP WITH A SPONSOR THAT I COULD SEE THE PATTERNS OF MY PAST RELATIONSHIPS.

I HOPE THIS HELPS,  
MR. SPIRITUAL

### Hope On The Horizon Group Summer Cookouts

The Hope On The Horizon Group will have cookouts on the third Saturday of the month again this summer. The July cookout will be on Saturday, July 18 at 11 a.m. The group will provide grilled meat and beverages. Those who can are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. There will be a speaker meeting at 12:00 noon. There is a supervised play area for children on the property. Please do not bring pets. If you have a favorite portable folding chair, feel free to bring it. The group meets every Saturday at 12:00 noon. On the patio behind Pater Noster House at 4313 Alkire Road, just west of Demorest, next to I-270. In the event of rain, the group meets in the chapel behind the house. On the day of the picnic, look for the blue and white balloons by the driveway.

### Upcoming Calendar of Events

This calendar is continually updated by the Activities Coordinator. As new information is received on our Area Service events, it will be included in the calendar.

#### July 2009

Saturday-Sunday, July 11 -12 ORSCNA Meeting  
Holiday Inn, Xenia, OH  
Download flyer at [www.naohio.org](http://www.naohio.org)

Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon  
COACNA XXI Basketball Tournament  
Nelson Park, Columbus, OH  
\$20 Team e\Entry \$5 for 3-point shootout  
Food available for sale  
Download flyer at [www.nacentralohio.org](http://www.nacentralohio.org)

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>-2PM ASC Meeting  
Area Service Office, 1561 Old Leonard Ave

Saturday-Sunday, July 25-26 Midwest Zonal Forum  
Crowne Plaza Hotel North  
6500 Doubletree Avenue  
Download flyer at [www.nacentralohio.org](http://www.nacentralohio.org)

#### August 2009

Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 2PM ASC Meeting  
Area Service Office, 1561 Old Leonard Ave

#### September 2009

Saturday, September 19 Unity Day Picnic  
Battelle Darby Metro Park  
Download flyer at [www.nacentralohio.org](http://www.nacentralohio.org)

Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 2PM ASC Meeting  
Area Service Office, 1561 Old Leonard Ave

**Flyers for all events must be provided to the Ohio Region for the events to be covered by our insurance policy.**

- Submit electronic files (Microsoft Word, PDF, Publisher or PowerPoint are all acceptable formats) for all flyers by email to Chuck M at [cmiller6@columbus.rr.com](mailto:cmiller6@columbus.rr.com)
- Chuck will forward flyers to the Ohio Region Webmaster to be posted on [www.naohio.org](http://www.naohio.org) and the Central Ohio Area Webmaster to be posted on [www.nacentralohio.org](http://www.nacentralohio.org)

Upcoming Local News and Events are available at <http://www.nacentralohio.org>

For more information on service opportunities or upcoming events, please call the Area Service Office at (614) 252-1700.